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Director's Report

We have had an active two months for Nor-Cal Packards. Jeff Mihaly joined Nor-Cal Packard members: Bud Juneau, Doug Moore, and Wayne Parsons as members of the National Packard Club Board of Directors. Congratulations to Jeff.

You'll read about two very successful tours in this edition of *The Pious Pelican*. On March 19th, we traveled to the Carter Collection. As part of that tour, the issue came up about "caravanning" on our tours. There was also an issue about providing directional maps. It seems that there is somewhat of a conflict between national "rules" and those found in our Nor Cal "General Tour Guidelines concerning caravanning". And, the rules are vague. The Board will review this at our July 23 Board Meeting (all are invited to attend, check your 2017 Events Calendar for details). Whatever the outcome, the Board supports providing tour maps as it is almost impossible to keep our cars together while traveling from place-to-place.

Under "Technical Reports" there was a discussion about the impact of ethanol on our fuel systems. Seems that ethanol allows our float corks to become saturated and sink, in older cars so equipped. One remedy is to coat the whole cork with superglue! If performed correctly, this will block liquid from entering the cork. Another answer is to completely replace the cork with a metal float. This freewheeling discussion at the Board Meeting is what makes our club and the experts involved, so exciting for a "newbie" like me. (It is also suggested that the optimal "life" of the modern fuel is only about 45 days.) Our technical members suggest that we drive our cars and not let them sit for long periods...good suggestion.

Just a word about a distressing occurrence during our April 30 Filoli Gardens Tour. Dave and Janet Wooldridge along with Milton Wheeler set up a wonderful tour which attracted over 40 attendees and 15 cars. Milt went ahead of our group and secured a special private meadow for us to park our cars. As we were in eye-sight of the Gardens, the general public could see our collection and were drawn to come look. (This is something we encourage as a club to inform the public about our Packards.) Well, many were well behaved, but many, many adults and kids could not leave their paws off of our cars. We had members stay back to act as docents. People were caught trying to open doors and trying to enter some of the 15 cars on display. We'll discuss this at our July 23 Board Meeting. One possible option is to produce "look but please don't touch" placards as well as posting docents or monitors to watch our cars.

Finally, the May issue of *Old Car Weekly* announced that *The Pious Pelican* has been awarded the Golden Quill Award for excellence for regional publications. Congratulations to Bud Juneau and to all who contribute to our publication!

Happy Motoring:

Steve Weir



“The Pious Pelican” has received the “Golden Quill” award for News Bulletin excellence for the old car hobby.

Technical Advisors

We thank the fellow club members listed below who have offered to try to help solve problems encountered by others when working on their Packards. If you can help with a certain area of expertise, please let Chairman, Bob McCoy know, so he can add your name to the list. Although they will do their best to help, neither the club nor the advisor can accept responsibility for or guarantee the accuracy of suggestions.

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2017 EVENTS

- May 18-20 Western Regions Tour
- June 11 Alameda Point Concours
- June 19-23 PAC National Meet at South Bend, IN
- July 16 Hillsborough Concours
- July 23 Nor-Cal Board Meeting - Blackhawk
- July 30 Portal Park Picnic
- August 20 Pebble Beach Concours
- September 3 Annual Swap Meet at Vallejo
- September 23 Ironstone Concours
- October 4-7 Hershey Swap Meet
- October 22 Nor-Cal Board Meeting - Blackhawk
- December 10 Holiday Luncheon - Zio Fraedo's at Vallejo



Where We've Been
Larry & Juana Carter Collection

March 19, 2017

Text & photos by Bud Juneau



On March 19th a large group of Nor-Cal members met in Los Gatos to travel as a group to visit Larry and Juana Carter's collection of memorabilia and automobiles, housed in a number of beautifully finished showroom buildings. Larry and Juana welcomed the group and Larry offered to conduct a walking tour past each car in the collection with stops to tell interesting history and details about various cars. The information was detailed and fascinating and Larry must have been worn out after our much-appreciated two-hour tour. They use the cars and many have been on recent trips to interesting places. Some have been shown at Pebble and are of that quality, while others are preservation pieces in fabulous original condition.

A brief "thank you" ceremony concluded our visit and we posed for a group photo in front of one of the showroom buildings. Most members toured over to *The Summit House* restaurant, on the Santa Cruz highway, for a nice lunch and tire-kicking session that lasted well into the afternoon. Tourmaster, Milt Wheeler did a nice job in making the arrangements for this tour -- one enjoyed by all who attended.



Larry with a portable sound system, telling about his '32 903 Eight De-Luxe coupe roadster. His '32 903 Eight De Luxe phaeton is in the background.



Our Packards were parked in the driveways between the buildings and made a nice display of their own. Here we see Henry Hopkins' latest acquisition - a beautiful '47 Custom Super Clipper club sedan. The car has many interesting accessories and is gorgeous.



One of the Carters' preservation cars, that is a favorite of theirs to drive, is this '28 443 phaeton. Larry said he could jump in and drive it across the country with no trouble.



Mark & Kay Barchas brought their '36 120 convertible.



*Milt & Carolee Wheeler have driven their '47 Custom Clipper
across the country several times on Lincoln Highway tours.
Roy Brett's Mercury is seen on the left.*



*Bruce & Rhonda Cummings brought their rare (even though
we have two in Nor-Cal) station wagon.*



The Beck's '37 1500 touring sedan.



The Carpenter's '49 2301 club sedan.



The Butterworth's '40 1806 club sedan.



The Hill's '55 400 HT.

Carter collection photos continued after centerspread



A fine looking group of Packard enthusiasts in front of one of the Carter's showroom buildings.



This '32 903 Eight De Luxe sport phaeton would be a perfect choice for an evening's drive on a warm summer night.



A neon Packard sign decorates the back wall of this display area that opens to a patio; perfect for circulation during an event..



The Higgins' '40 1800 sedan.



The Blazeks' '39 1700 sedan.



James Laughlin's '41 120 convertible coupe.



Matthew Kilkenny's '34 Twelve.

Collecting Memorabilia

A nice addition to the hobby

by Bud Juneau

Accessories were a profit center for Packard dealers and many had Factory Approved displays in their showrooms and waiting rooms in the service department. The display below from 1940 shows a variety of ways an owner could dress up the car and give it a new personality. A number of PAC members (your editor among them) collect a variety of these accessory items and memorabilia. From time to time, as space permits, we will feature some on our pages. Members are encouraged to let the editor know of any interesting items that we can feature on future pages.

Other items are Packard-related and among them are some from the Lincoln High-



way. This highway was the brain-child of Carl Fisher who, among other things, was a Packard dealer and who built the Indianapolis raceway, home of the Indy 500. He invited Henry B. Joy, the president of Packard, to join with him in publicizing and supporting the building of the first major highway to stretch from coast to coast. Construction began in 1913 and many Packards were driven across the rustic wilderness in those early years. Local citizens were encouraged to join the *Lincoln Highway Association* with a \$5 donation to support the cause. (See ad on next page) Members were given a red, white, and blue cloisonné badge to display on their car. By the way, *The Lincoln Highway Association* exists today, still dedicated to promoting the famous highway. (Your editor belongs to it.) Every Packard that Henry Joy drove across the country carried one of these badges, and after seeing them in period photos, I set out to find one for my collection. Helen, my Packard, now wears one with pride on her Centennial license plate.



Henry Joy, at the wheel of a 1915 Twin Six, is seen here just above Donner Lake.

The Lincoln Highway badge on his car is mounted on the headlight cross-bar.

Of interest is that new cars did not come with front bumpers in those days -- but they made it from Detroit to California without needing one.

Note the giant can on the running board. Another one is on the driver's side. They were full of gasoline for those long stretches where there was barely a road, much less a service station.

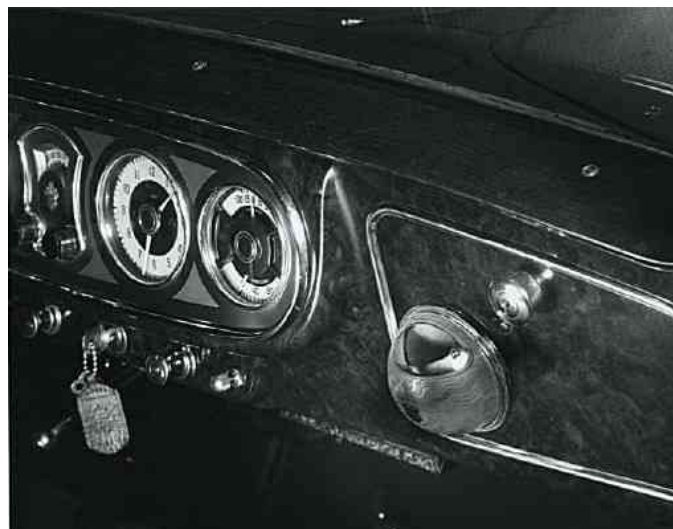


This Lincoln Highway membership badge is likely from 1913-14.



One day at Fred Hill's house, he asked me if I had ever seen ashtrays like these. (left) I took the photo, noting that they were in like-new condition. Years later, I found a reference to them

in a 1937 Packard Service Letter. They were an accessory for the Junior cars, but could be added to the glove box of all cars, when desired. Speaking of ash trays, one I saw among memorabilia at the Carter collection is fun. See next page.





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Here is the chance to prove you are patriotic—an opportunity to pay an everlasting tribute to Abraham Lincoln, the Immortal.

Here, also, is an object lesson to Congress. Here is a chance to further the movement for better roads, to stimulate Congress to action in providing better roads.

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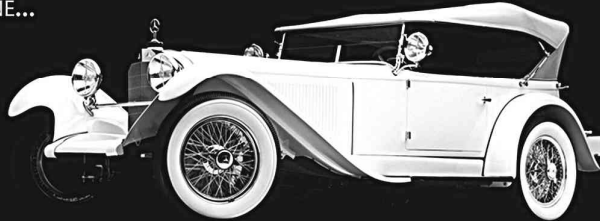
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Nor-Cal Packard Club
Board Meeting
April 23, 2017
10:30 AM

Members Present: Jeff Mihaly, Bob McCoy, Clint Moore, Steve Weir, Tom Beidleman, George Beck, Fred Hill, Bill Young, Phil Sherman, Dave Wooldridge and Milton Wheeler.

Voted: To approve the January Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurers Report: The transfer has been made, at the bank, for our Director, Steve Weir, Treasurer, Janet Wooldridge and Secretary, Milton Wheeler to be able to sign checks.

Membership: Bill Young reported that our current membership is at 168 with one new member and the club has 296 Packards.

Voted: That all membership renewals are for ONE YEAR only.

Projects: We sold several items this past quarter. Phil also suggested we should start getting Packard Apparel for the National Meet.

Technical: Bob reported that the Ethanol gasoline we have in California will only last 45 days. So we must be careful with our gasoline for our Packards. Also, the Ethanol will saturate the Cork Float in our gas tanks.

Tours: Dave Wooldridge gave us information about the FILOLI tour. We had a discussion about caravanning. It was decided that we will discuss it further at our next board meeting. The October tour will be sponsored by Steve Weir.

Old Business: Jeff reported that the committee is looking at a hotel in Rohnert Park; the same place that the Pierce Arrow Club is using for their national meet.

Web Site: The question was raised: Can we have a link to the Packard site? The answer was YES. It will be done.

Historian: Fred said that he has (2) National Club badges for sale. If you want one contact Fred. He also suggested that the club set up a separate checking account for the 2020 National Meet.

Voted: That Milton Wheeler set up a tour, for Pre War cars, in April of 2018. This tour is sponsored by Nor-Cal Packards but Milton will invite a variety of makes. Like Chrysler, Pierce-Arrow, Cadillac, Rolls\Bentley etc. He will give to the board a map of the tour and a list of Car Clubs invited.

There was some discussion about The Day At The Movies because of the cost. Shall we have it again next year? The answer was yes on January 13, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary.